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Joshua Lederberg

Dear Josh:

Thanks for your letter. The article on National Laboratories for Biology? has excited more specific interest than any I have written in a long time. I doubt that there is anything an off-beat physicist like myself can do towards creating them except to write this kind of article. But I suspect that support would be forthcoming at the million-dollar level if guys like you and Jim Tuck at Los Alamos and Norman Davidson at Oak Ridge and Charles Sibley at Cornell, who are actually working on biotechnical instruments, would actually get together and make a specific grant proposal.

Will send reprints when they arrive.

Yours,

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